

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS.

CONFERENCE CLOSES BY APPOINTING PASTORS TO VARIOUS PLACES.

Dr. Truesdale Returns to Trinity—Mr. Rogers to Broad Street—Other Pastors in Sumter District—Vote of Thanks to Charleston—Rev. John B. Wilson Closes Conference With Prayer.

Charleston, Dec. 6.—With the announcement of the appointments for 1916 the South Carolina Methodist conference adjourned its annual session here today.

The final session of the conference was introduced by devotional service conducted by J. T. MacFarlane.

The Rev. Dr. McKinney of the Texas conference, the representative of Vernon Place church, Washington, was introduced to the conference. W. A. Massebeau offered resolutions pledging the conference to more diligent evangelistic effort for the salvation of souls which were unanimously adopted.

The following resolutions of thanks were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

"Whereas, in the gracious providence of our loving Father in heaven, we have been privileged to enjoy the charming hospitality of this ancient City by the Sea, therefore, be it resolved:

"That our thanks are preeminently due and are hereby tendered to our hosts and hostesses for the Christian cordiality which has signaled their entertainment of our Master's servants.

"That we place on record our high appreciation of the fraternal courtesies by our sister churches of this city.

"That we would hereby gratefully express our gratification for the presence and counsel of our revered Senior Bishop A. W. Wilson, whose sermon and addresses have inspired or hearts to more loyal devotion to our Master's cause."

Bishop Denny exercised his Episcopal prerogative and cut from the resolutions the reference to himself, stating that he did not desire such complimentary personal reference to himself to be entered upon the conference records.

Dr. J. W. Daniel protested against the term "ancient," but the bishop said the term referred to the earliness of its establishment by our people. Mr. Watson, the author, said that he was willing to substitute "delectful." But, after the bishop's indorsement, no change was made.

Dr. McKinney was heard on behalf of the church in Washington.

Bishop Denny entered an explanation of the plan and purposes of that church as representative of the M. E. church, South. The Rev. John B. Wilson was requested to lead the closing prayer of this annual session.

Bishop Wilson said that he would not trouble the conference by much speaking, but there were some things of which he would remind the conference.

So much depends upon the state of mind with which a preacher receives an appointment. Our vow of service eliminates self. None of us has a right to make a contract with any church. The obligation on the ministry and on the laity is mutual. Each is to do everything possible to advance the spiritual interests of Christ's kingdom. Dissatisfaction expressed can not fail to produce disagreement.

Settle in your minds that you are in the hands of God.

"I do not think the church has done all that it ought to have done.

"They can't put you on a mission or a circuit where your work will be a failure if you go to that place with the determination to make it a success.

"Our God can make provision where we can not do so.

"You are beginning a new era in your history. The smaller territory and the diminished numbers may affect the 'esprit du corps' of your body. Guard against that.

"Preach only the word of God. That will save you a great deal of difficulty in adjusting yourself to the conditions around you.

"Do not neglect ministry in the homes of your people. Your business is to see that each man and each woman and each child in your charge is saved.

"I have never known a greater care to be taken in the arranging of your appointments. Your president has been painstaking in the consideration of each case to determine your need and your fitness for the place to which you are sent.

"I thank you for all your kindly consideration which you have shown to me, and to my honored colleague, your president."

Bishop Denny then announced the appointments for 1916 as follows:

Charleston District—G. E. Edwards, presiding elder; Allendale, B. G. Murphy; Appleton, J. R. Sojourner; Beaufort, J. P. Simpson; Bethel circuit, J. D. Bell; Black Swamp, J. A. McGraw; Bluffton, F. Warren Dibble;

PRESENTS WAREHOUSE BILL.

LEVER AGAIN INTRODUCES MEASURE FOR NEW SYSTEM.

South Carolina Congressman Looks For Success, Nearly Secured at Last Session.

Washington, Dec. 6.—A large number of bills were introduced in the house at today's session, among them being one by Representative Lever, who reintroduced his federal warehouse bill providing for a permissive system of licensed warehouses operating under federal law.

The purpose of this bill is to provide a uniform warehouse receipt for cotton, grain and other staple and non-perishable agricultural products, with a view of making the product of the farm of such a liquid character as to render it easily negotiable and therefore good collateral for borrowing upon.

This bill passed both houses last year, but on account of the filibuster on the ship subsidy bill in the senate, failed of final agreement between the two houses.

"I hope," Mr. Lever said, "to be able to report this bill from the committee on agriculture before the adjournment for the holidays, and thus give it an advantageous place on the calendar. It is my intention to press hard for its passage, because I look upon it as being of extreme importance in the general plan of working out a better distribution of farm products."

Charleston, Bethel, S. B. Harper; Hampstead Square, John Paul; Spring Street, B. J. Guess; Trinity, D. M. McLeod; S. A. Weber, supernumerary; Yonges Island, Paul K. Crosby; Cottageville, G. L. Ingram; Cypress, D. N. Busbee; Ehrhardt, C. S. Felder; Estill, W. V. Dibble; Furman, J. B. Prosser; Hampton, J. T. Peeler; Hendersonville, Benjamin L. Knight; Lodge, F. E. Hodges; Ridgeland, George K. Way; Ridgeville, S. D. Vaughan; Summerville, J. H. Noland; Waterboro, C. B. Smith; Wando Mission, Earnest K. Epps.

Florence District—Peter Stokes, presiding elder; Bennettsville, First church, R. Herbert Jones; West End, R. L. Hill, supply; Bennettsville circuit, T. E. Morris; Brightsville, G. W. Davis; Bethlehem, J. T. McFarlane; Cheraw, G. T. Harmon; Chesterfield, J. L. Tyler; Darlington, Trinity, L. L. Bedenbaugh; W. L. Wait, supernumerary; Epworth, Warren G. Ariail; Darlington circuit, R. W. Humphries; East Chesterfield, Paul T. Wood; Florence, Central, T. G. Herbert; Hartsville, J. T. Fowler; Jefferson, J. J. White; Lamar, W. H. Ariail; Liberty, T. B. Owen; Marlboro, J. E. Ford; McBee, J. W. Ariail; McCall, J. W. Wolling; Middendorf, W. V. Jerman, supply; Pageland, J. W. Elkins; Pamplico, H. T. Morrison; Timmonsville and Pisgah, Eert A. Powell; Timmonsville circuit, R. R. Doyle.

Kingstree District—H. B. Prown, presiding elder; Andrews, J. A. Campbell; Cades, L. E. Peeler; Cordesville, D. O. Spires; Georgetown, Duncan Memorial, H. J. Cautien; Georgetown, West End, R. R. Tucker; Greeleyville, W. P. Way, H. W. Whitaker, supernumerary; Hemingway, P. B. Ingraham; Johnsonville, S. C. Morris; Jordan, W. O. Henderson; Kingstree, D. Arthur Phillips; Lake City, W. H. Hodges; McClellanville, G. A. Teasley; Pinopolis, W. T. Bedenbaugh; Rome, P. A. Murray; Salters, J. C. Davis; Samburg, G. C. Gardner; Seranton, C. W. Burgess; Summerton, C. C. Derrick; Turberville, P. R. Rhoad.

Marion District—H. W. Hook, presiding elder; Aynor, Wm. Hampton Richardson, supply; Flenheim, J. S. Bosley; Frownsville, L. T. Phillips; Bucksville, W. A. Youngblood, supply; Centenary circuit, D. D. Jones; Conway, E. L. McCoy; Conway circuit, G. T. Rhoad; Clio, A. D. Betts; Dillon, M. L. Eanks; Floyds, Felix S. Hook, supply; Floydale, D. H. Everett; Gallants, W. H. Perry; Latta, F. H. Shuler; Little River, J. E. Cook; Little Rock, S. J. Betha; Little Pee Dee, W. R. Phillips; Loris, H. W. Shenly; H. L. Singleton, supernumerary; Marion, J. W. Daniel; Marion circuit, M. M. McLendon; Mullins, S. O. Cantey; Mullins circuit, M. E. Dukes; Waccamaw circuit, E. F. Seagrins; Sunday school field secretary, W. C. Owen, Mullins quarterly conference.

Orangeburg District—A. J. Cautien, presiding elder; Bamberg and Bamberg mills, E. O. Watson; Barnwell, S. W. Henry; Branchville, T. J. White; Cameron, T. W. Godbold; Denmark, H. G. Hardin; Edisto, E. H. Beckham; Eutawville, J. B. Rice; Grover, J. C. Courts; Harleyville, J. L. Mullinix; Norway, J. K. Inabinet; North and Lincolnton, C. B. Burns; Oar, Achille Sasserat; Orangeburg, St. Paul, W. A. Massebeau and W. S. Stokes, supernumerary; Orangeburg circuit, W. A. Beckham; Orange, J. A. Graham; Providence, T. L. Belvin and J. E. Way, supernumerary; Rowesville, J. J. Stevenson and G. W. Dukes, supernumerary; Smoaks, A. S. Lesley;

MUSLADIN WAITED TOO LONG.

CHARLESTON COMMITTEE ANSWERS GRACE COMMITTEE.

Return Asserts Recount Could Not Now be Had, Ballots Having Been Destroyed.

Columbia, Dec. 7.—Attorneys representing the Charleston city Democratic executive committee appeared before the supreme court yesterday to show cause why a writ should not be issued requiring the production of all papers and evidence on which the committee acted in throwing out the ballot box of Club 2, Ward 10, in the municipal primary of October 12. The petition was filed several days ago by George F. Musladin, who was a Grace candidate for alderman at large from Ward 4.

The executive committee was represented at the hearing by M. Rutledge Rivers, with whom were associated Nath. B. Earnwell, and William Henry Parker; W. Turner Logan and J. K. Patta represented the petitioner.

The supreme court, after hearing arguments, took the matter under advisement and will later issue an order relative to reviewing the matter.

In the return of the committee it is claimed that W. W. Clement received 2,989 votes and George F. Musladin 2,897. It is alleged that Musladin was "guilty of neglect" in not bringing the case to the attention of a court at an earlier date.

"These respondents are informed and believe," says the petition, "that the ballots cast in said primary election have been removed from the ballot boxes and thrown away or destroyed and the ballot boxes returned to the county supervisor from whom they were borrowed for the purpose of the election and if this honorable court should order a recount, the said order could not possibly be carried out." It is claimed that other records have been filed with the Charleston county clerk of court as required by law "and passed out of the hands and possession of respondents, and therefore they could not certify to your honorable court a completed record upon which their action was founded or based in the premises."

It is further stated that Mr. Clement would have had a majority of the votes cast if the box in question had been counted.

"The box was really thrown out on the protest of Hyde, as aforesaid, by a vote of 13 to 10," says the answer. The return of the committee was accompanied by affidavits.

WHALEY TO THE FORE.

On Committee to Notify Clerk of Election.

Washington, Dec. 6.—South Carolina came to the front in congressional matters here today, when Congressman Richard S. Whaley was named one of the members of the house to notify Champ Clark that he had again been chosen speaker by his Democratic colleagues. The speaker entered the house chamber with Mr. Whaley and the other members of the committee and immediately began his duties. The appointment of Mr. Whaley indicates that the members of the South Carolina delegation in congress are to take a leading part in legislative proceedings during the session of congress which began today.

NICHOLLS TAKES SEAT.

Sworn in as Newest South Carolina Member.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Congressman Sam J. Nicholls of the Fourth South Carolina district was sworn in as the Palmetto State's newest member today.

Mr. Nicholls begins his congressional duties with important work on the military affairs committee, which for some time will be in the public eye.

Springfield, E. P. Hutson; St. George, W. E. Wiggins; editor Southern Christian Advocate, W. C. Kirkland, Olar, quarterly conference.

Sumter District—H. W. Shays, presiding elder; Pethune circuit, A. M. Gardner; Bishopville, G. P. Watson, Camden, J. H. Graves; Camden circuit, A. C. Corbett, supply; College Place station, Jno. Paul Patton; Elmore, S. W. Danner; Fort Motte, O. N. Rountree; Heath Springs, J. B. Weldon; Kershaw, R. M. DuPose; Lynchburg, F. J. Glennan; Manning, W. B. Duncan; Oswego, J. P. Inabinet; Pinewood, S. D. Bailey; Providence, Theodore E. Derrick; Richland, W. S. Myers; St. John's and Remberts, J. P. Attaway; St. Matthews station, G. P. Kirby; Sumter, Trinity, R. S. Truesdale, and Broad Street, J. M. Rogers; Sumter circuit, W. G. Elwell; Wateree, W. R. Barnes, supply; president Columbia college, W. W. Daniel, College Place station, quarterly conference.

Transferred to the Western North Carolina conference, Marvin Auld; to the Upper South Carolina conference, J. B. Kilsore, Hamlin Etheredge, John W. Bailey, E. S. Jones, T. A. Shealy, R. C. Poulware, B. R. Turnipseed.

CONGRESS READY FOR WORK.

BODY ORGANIZED FOR SESSION OF IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.

President Will Read His Address Today Opening Business of Congress—Speaker of House and President Pro Tem of Senate to Be Elected.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Congress was made an organized body today for the session which is expected to be the greatest within the memory of the present generation.

Four hours' work in the house showed Speaker Clark returned to the chair; Representative Mann returned to the leadership of the Republican minority; the introduction of 2,000 bills and resolutions, many of them proposing measures of national defense and many more in opposition; the reappearance of constitutional amendments to enfranchise women and a miniature rules fight which flickered out with the adoption of last year's rules with a few changes.

In the senate practically nothing was done except the election of Senator Clarke of Arkansas as president pro tempore. Vice President Marshall was absent because of the illness of his wife.

Both houses then, after sending a joint committee to the White House to give official notice of the opening of congress, adjourned until tomorrow when the real business of the session begins with President Wilson's address to a joint session in the hall of the house at 12:30 o'clock.

The greatest budget of expenditures ever placed before any American congress in time of peace was brought in from the various branches of the government, the total being some \$170,000,000 more than was asked for last year. The greater part of the proposed increase is for the enlarged army and navy programmes and aside from working out the problems of national defense it will be the business of congress to raise the revenue to pay for it.

Old timers, most of them Republicans reelected after going down before the presidential Democratic landslide of 1912, came trooping back to places in the house. "Uncle Joe" Cannon sat on a bench in the front row and laughed while the house got into its little row over the rules and references to Cannonism were hurled back and forth across the dividing aisle. Even though today was only one for making new acquaintances and renewing old ones, the congressional air was charged with the seriousness of the business of the months ahead, the business of legislating for a nation at peace in a world aflame with war and surrounded with almost endless possibilities.

In the stream of bills and resolutions which poured into the hoppers were not only plans for military preparedness, but others proposing investigation of motives of men and organizations that champion national defense. Notice was given that in the senate demands would be made for a showing of what the United States has accomplished against Great Britain's interference with American commerce abroad. The entire fabric of the American government's delicate relations to the conflict across the seas probably will be brought to the edge of congressional discussion and the administration leaders are not unmindful of their task to preserve what President Wilson has asked for—a united America.

After the president has delivered his address tomorrow both houses will proceed to perfect their organizations. Until the working committees are fully formed no legislation can be undertaken. While the house Democrats are organized the Republican assignments will not be made before the end of the week. The senate Democratic assignments will be announced later in the week.

The Republicans began their part of the organization work today, reelecting Senator Gallinger their floor leader and chairman of their conference. Although some of the principal bills upon which administration efforts will be concentrated will be introduced soon none of them can be taken up until the committee organizations are complete.

The first roll call in the house today showed 427 members present and eight absentees—one of them accounted for by death. The Democratic majority, although reduced, put Speaker Clark back in the chair, 221 to 194, and when the brush came on readopting the rules of the last house the Democratic leaders showed they still had the majority in hand, beating Republican Leader Mann's proposal for a revision, 209 to 192.

In the senate the newly elected and reelected members took the oath. The body was leaderless when Secretary Baker rapped for order at noon and Senator Martin of Virginia was chosen to preside. Thirty senators were sworn in, Senators Prady of Idaho and Smith of South Carolina being absent. After this ceremony

INTEREST IN SUMTER SCHOOLS

ARTICLE BY LEON M. GREEN ATTRACTS WIDESPREAD ATTENTION.

Published in Review of Reviews Magazine for November—High School of Commerce Magazine, "Commerce Caravel," Wants to Publish Cuts in Connection With Special Article by Supt. Edmunds.

Mr. Leon M. Green of this city who is now engaged in free lance newspaper work and journalism in New York city in a letter home incloses a letter he has received from the Review of Reviews editor in connection with his article on the Military Training in the Sumter Schools, which was published in that magazine for November. The letter is as follows: "Dear Mr. Green: Your article on Military Training in the Sumter Schools which we published in the Review seems to have attracted a very wide attention, as we expected it would.

"Very truly yours,

"Wm. Menkel."

"P. S. We today received a request from the Commerce Caravel, the official organ of the High School of Commerce, 155 West 65th Street, New York City, for the use of our Sumter school pictures. Their letter states that the article so impressed the subscribers of that paper that they decided to create a special department for opinions on the subject, and that for the January issue Prof. Edmunds has consented to write a special article; hence the request for the pictures. We shall loan them the cuts. M."

TAR HEELS MAY GET LIQUOR.

Attorney General Says Law Permits of Ordering Through Town Near Border.

Columbia, Dec. 9.—There is no provision in the "gallon-a-month" law prohibiting shipments to a non-resident of South Carolina or any provision requiring that shipments can be made only to citizens of the State, in the opinion of Thomas H. Peoples. The question was put to the attorney general by R. P. Harris, magistrate at Fort Mill. It was stated in the letter that "there is quite a quantity of whiskey shipped to Fort Mill for North Carolina people."

The attorney general, in his opinion, states that not more than one gallon a month can be received.

TO TRY JASPER WARDEN.

Effort to Save Wife Murderer from Electrocution.

Columbia, Dec. 7.—Alfred A. Richardson, chief game warden for South Carolina, left here by automobile today for Jasper county, to be present at the trial of F. M. Davis, game warden for that county, who will face a jury at Ridgeland tomorrow, charged with killing a negro. Mr. Davis was in the discharge of his duty, it is said, when he was forced to shoot the negro. He had called to the negro to halt, when the black replied with a load of buckshot. Mr. Davis, who was on horse back, and had a Winchester rifle in his hand, returned the fire and killed the negro. His defence will be self-defence.

It is expected that efforts will be made to postpone the electrocution of Alfred Talbert, the white man from Greenwood who is under sentence of death Friday of this week. Talbert cut his wife's throat in the mill village at Greenwood and was convicted of murder and sentenced to the electric chair. Efforts have been made to get clemency for him on the alleged ground that he was insane at the time of his killing of his wife. Reports have been received in Columbia that friends of the condemned man will make efforts to have a commission in lunacy appointed to examine Talbert, and some have asserted that he should be committed to the State Hospital for the Insane.

Real Estate Transfers.

J. L. Kirby to Dainy D. Kirby, 27 acres on Raccoon public road, \$2,000.

Dainy D. Kirby to J. L. Kirby, 31 acres in county, \$1,500.

Mrs. Adele Moses to W. F. Flake, lot on Dingle street, \$850.

Master to J. L. Kirby, 135 acres in county, \$200.

W. D. Carson to Kezia J. Carson, 115 acres of estate of J. M. Carson, and his interest in 200 acres, \$10 and other considerations.

W. B. Burns to L. D. Jennings, 41 1-2 acres in county, \$1,670 and deed to 24.8 acres of land.

L. D. Jennings to W. B. Burns, 24.8 acres in county, \$10 and other considerations.

Senator Clarke was elected and the senate recessed.

The cloture fight, as a result of its failure in the Democratic caucus, did not come up. When the old rules were readopted, however, Senator Walsh of Montana announced that he reserved the right to submit rule revisions at a later time.

WILSON AND TAFT COOPERATE

SIT ON SAME PLATFORM IN BEHALF OF RED CROSS WORK.

Cause of Humanity Draws Political Opponents Together for Time—President Wilson Praises Work of Society Which Has to Be Reorganized to Meet Changed Conditions

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson and Former President Taft sat on the platform together here today at the annual meeting of the American Red Cross. The president and former president greeted each other warmly.

In a brief address President Wilson praised the humanitarian work being done by the American Red Cross in the European war, saying it was the greatest agency the United States had for good.

President Wilson presided at the afternoon session of the Red Cross and introduced Dr. Richard Strong, who recently returned from Serbia where he had charge of the typhus fight.

Reorganization of the society to meet the need of separate divisions in charge of military and civilian relief work was the chief business of the meeting. The office of national director was abolished and in its place two offices were created—director general of military relief and director general of civilian relief. Ernest P. Bicknell, formerly national director, was placed at the head of the civilian department and Maj. Gen. Arthur Murray, retired, elected vice chairman of the central committee, was made director general pro tem of military relief. All other officers were reelected.

A resolution was adopted thanking the Rockefeller foundation for its cooperation with the Red Cross in relief work in Serbia.

President Wilson occupied the chair while Dr. Strong told of the American Red Cross sanitary work in stamping out typhus in Serbia and during the address of Charles J. O'Connor, special representative of the Red Cross, who brought word of the famine and misery as he saw them two months ago in Mexico City.

STORING SEED CORN.

Keeping Corn Properly in Winter Essential to Good Seed.

Clemson College, Dec. 7.—Field selection is not all that is necessary in order to have the best seed corn, says the extension corn breeding expert of Clemson College. Often, through carelessness in storing, good seed becomes worthless before spring. This is the result of storing seed corn before it is thoroughly dry and without adequate protection from weevils and rats.

Seed corn should be well dried out and fumigated to kill any weevils that are present, before storing. A well ventilated, dry room is the best place to store. If the corn is placed in a strong screen wire box and the box suspended from the ceiling or rafters of the barn, there will be little likelihood of its being damaged by rats. If weevils appear in the box, take it down and fumigate it, and return it to its place. Unless the seed is properly cared for, the labor and trouble of field selection are a dead loss.

Basketball Season to Open.

Sumter's contingent of "boosters" for basket ball, that king of winter sport, will give the welcome "All Aboard" on Friday night, December 17th, when the fast Columbia Mill team will try for honors with our local five on the Y. M. C. A. floor.

As a sport, fast, exciting, every second a thrill in itself, basket ball has been claiming the attention of the country's sport "fans" for many years. The game is comparatively new to Sumter's "fans" but we have had some fine exhibitions here for the last two years and those who have seen the games here have become real supporters of the game.

The line up of our local squad is entirely home talent and our young men have trained to the crack of the pistol for the sound of the Referee's whistle to allow them to go at their opponents and it is a perfectly "cock sure" bet that any team that ties with them this winter will have to do some fast and clever work to get the big end of the score. You will see the last years line up in this years game for the locals. The Columbia Mill team is a worthy opponent as shown by last year's score, which resulted in 32 to 20 in favor of Sumter.

The seating capacity of the local Gym floor is somewhat limited and the expense of the visiting team is such that the Manager announces that the price of admission will be 25c to all. Give the locals a hearty send off for the season by crowding the house for the first game.

Douglas, Dec. 8.—A battle between Villa forces under Gen. Rodriguez and Gen. Obregon's army is in progress near Esquila.